



Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service  
Pest Detection and Management Programs – Program Update

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Program: *Phytophthora ramorum*

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Trace forward surveys continue and the national survey is underway as PPQ determines the distribution of *Phytophthora ramorum*. The number of confirmed positive facilities from the trace forward, national, and other surveys is 128 in 17 states.

The pathogen has been confirmed in plants traced forward from the initially positive Los Angeles County wholesaler in 102 facilities in 15 states. The numbers of nurseries or garden centers with positive trace forward samples from the wholesaler by state are California (38), Alabama (3), Arkansas (1), Florida (6), Washington (6), Oregon (9), Texas (6), Colorado (1), Georgia (13), Louisiana (5), Maryland (1), North Carolina (9), New Mexico (1), Tennessee (2), and Virginia (1). The Federal confirmed nursery protocol was implemented at these facilities.

The PPQ Eastern Region reports that 15 states are conducting National Survey activities (Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, New Jersey, North Carolina, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia). The states have inspected 218 nurseries and collected 4,983 samples; a lilac from New Jersey was confirmed positive. Other states are expected to start surveys soon. The PPQ Western Region reports that 10 states are conducting National Survey activities (Arizona, Arkansas, California, Idaho, Iowa, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, Oregon, and Washington). These states have inspected 339 nurseries and have collected 11,378 samples; 14 facilities have tested positive.

Twelve states continue to impose quarantine regulations over and above those ordered by PPQ on California, and in some cases Oregon, Washington or British Columbia. Four states have enacted regulations that parallel the USDA emergency order. Up-to-date information on state quarantines against California is available at the California Department of Food and Agriculture Web site:  
[http://www.cdffa.ca.gov/phpps/pe/sod\\_survey/](http://www.cdffa.ca.gov/phpps/pe/sod_survey/)

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